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Welcome to the MNO/ABT Synods’ Eco-Reformation Project - Resources for the Care of Creation

This collection of resources offers you

- Books
- Videos
- An Orientation to Climate Change
- Guidance in How To Talk About Climate Change and the Care of Creation
- Denominational Resources
- Applications to Specific Times and Applications

This Resource Listing changes often as new resources and opportunities become available.

See the date in the upper left-hand corner? That’s the date of the latest edition.

On the MNO Synod Website, http://mnosynod.org/eco-reformation-project/, you will find a description of the initial research project of the MNO Synod. This includes how the research was done, what was discovered Lutheran congregations in Winnipeg had done over two years, and what suggestions arose for further congregational action. The work of research, support and advocacy has expanded now to include the regions of the Alberta Synod.

You’ll also find a Bulletin Board of time-sensitive announcements for community activities and new resources. Check this regularly. These announcements are passed along to congregations in the Manitoba and Alberta synods as they become available.

The Bulletin Boards are maintained on-line for two months and then are deleted. Stale dated events are removed. But links and websites are folded into a revised Resources Guide.

You will also find on the MNO website a link to a blog written by one of our pastors, reflecting on theological matters behind the action being taken and needing to be taken. These are meant to be discussion starters for theological reflection and conversation where you are. Soon, those blogs will be edited and archived according to themes. Hopefully these will then be accessible resources for discussion and reflection in your own communities.

On the pages following this greeting, you will find a table of contents to help you explore and access what is of most interest to you. The books and videos, for the most part, are readily available. Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to lend, receive, and redistribute them. Check with your local community, university, and seminary libraries, or bookstores.

The MNO Synod and Alberta Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada are proud to be partners in this equipping of communities and congregations for faithful justice, stewardship and care of creation.

We welcome comments, suggestions, recommendations and new resources you might share. Contact information may be found on the last page of the Resource Guide.
• **New Resources**


Responding to Job’s inquiry, God answers, “Ask the Beasts”. Most easily understood explanation of Darwin’s theory of evolution I’ve read. God is not a Creator from above, working with creation as “other.” God is Creator, working from within, as the cosmos evolves and continues to evolve.

Naomi Klein, *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate* (Vintage Canada, Toronto) 2015.


Richard Rohr, *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope for and Believe*, (New York, Convergent) 2019

Matthew Fox, *Original Blessing*, (Jeremy P. Tarcher/Putnam, New York) 1983


Matthew Fox, Skylar Wilson and Jennifer Berit Listug edit a collection of essays calling a new Spiritual Order. They ask “all seekers of peace, truth, justice, love and healing” to make this pledge: “I promise to be the best lover and defender of mother Earth that I can be.” This is an invitation to join in the common cause of healing Earth guided by an emergent understanding of... Creation Spirituality.” (Forward by David Korten, p. X) Matthew Fox is a 76-year-old elder, activist, and spiritual theologian. Skylar Wilson is a 33-year-old wilderness and meditation guide. Jennifer Berit Listug is a 28-year-old writer, spiritual leader and publicist. This is “a new spiritual (not religious) Order” seeking more than contemplation, but action. Visit OrderoftheSacredEarth.org.


• **Books** (annotated)


Broad discussion of ecological issues such as food production, waste management, water management, etc. Describes with details and statistics the deepening global crisis and adds biblical wisdom, ethic and character.


What is our place in the world? We have a “natural habitat,” involving dirt, water and sky. And we have a “human geography,” involving, home, neighborhood and commons. She begins with personal stories and looks for cosmic implications.


Poetic, devotional pieces on the following themes: Humility in Creation; Humility in Incarnation and Redemption; the Humility of the Holy Spirit; and The School of the Universe. Written by a former bishop of Rio de Janeiro. This is intended to be read devotionally each day for four weeks.


A devotional approach, literally inviting readers to go for a walk to discover the beauty, wonder, and trauma of creation. Topics include creation and covenant, redemption and renewal, contrasting food and fuel, city and country, work and play. Seeing the world and our place in it as holy.


Excellent starting point for understanding and theological reflection. Collection of Lutheran scholars writing on a variety of themes. Check out the Australian proposal for a new ninety-five theses for eco-reformation!


See bio of this fascinating theologian. [https://www.ncronline.org/blogs/grace-margins/evolution-ilia-delio](https://www.ncronline.org/blogs/grace-margins/evolution-ilia-delio). Doctoral degrees in theology and science. Understands the
cosmos is about deep relationality. Christo-centric understanding of evolution. Not only is the universe evolving, so is Christ. The Love of God is both the beginning and the end of evolution.

Ilia Delio, Care for Creation: A Franciscan Spirituality of the Earth, (Franciscan Media, Cincinnati, Ohio), 2008


Matthew Fox, The Coming of the Cosmic Christ, (HarperSanFrancisco), 1988


This book reveals a subset of feminist theology, drawing from the distinctive experience and reflection of Afro-American women, with a nod to southern hemisphere and GLBTQ sources as well. An interesting source for stories and litanies that ought to be shared widely.


Offering background, noting Pope Francis’ contributions, considering resulting implementation and then suggesting further development, this is more than an explanation of the encyclical. It is a developmental piece as well.


Stephanie Kaza, Mindfully Green: A Personal and Spiritual Guide to Whole Earth Thinking (Shambhala, Boston) 2008


Explores seven traps that inhibit hope and action and contrasts with seven mindful leaps that reframe our thought and energize our action.

Looks at the environmental crisis from a humanist point of view. Seeking a purely rational approach, we need to strip our responses of political, religious, and social particularities. Proposing nine planetary boundaries Humanity must cross, Humanity achieves its God-like quality and power to care for and protect the earth. A misplaced humanity caused this mess. A recovered Humanity can rescue it.


This book was distributed by our national church. Collection of short essays around three themes: “protecting what we love,” “the biblical case for creation advocacy,” and “abundant life for all creation in worship, community and action.


A compilation of articles and sermons drawn from the Presbyterian Working Group on Christian Faith, Science and technology. Moving beyond dualism, we have god cresting one world which may be understood theologically and scientifically.


A Jewish perspective. Four themes: in the beginning, the big bang; “self and cosmos contrasting oneness and nothingness, discovering a personal God; “Torah and the wisdom of God”; and “the end of days”


A deep book building on themes of Cosmology, Methodology, Anthropology, Theology, Christology and Eschatology. An early, foundational construction.


A reflective response to the new atheism from an Oxford scholar who used to be one. Science is not a threat to theology. Scientism is. Science and Theology are distinct disciplines, each necessary to fully describe the world and our place in it. Science describes what is but cannot describe what ought to be. Ethics comes from religion. Religion offers the story of the why behind science’s story of the what.

Megan McKenna, *Harm Not the Earth*, (Veritas, Dublin), 2007.

Taking familiar biblical themes like Genesis and Noah; prophets like Amos and Isaiah and their relationship to the land; Jesus’ particular relationship (geography) with water; and the expectation of a new heaven and earth – McKenna interweaves global, tribal and inter-faith stories of creation and evolution into a richer imagination of creation.

Mick develops the now familiar argument of the universe embodying the interconnectedness of all things and revealing an incarnational Cosmic Christ. This short book then contrasts private property and the common good and develops the ecological response as a matter of social justice. The book closes with practical suggestions for seasonal worship emphases.


Take two very different monastic traditions, Benedictine and Buddhist, and compare the values, motivation, commitment, and practice of care for the earth.


Featured theologian in the *Grounded* video series. Looks at the systemic sin that contributes to the global crisis. Very relevant to today with the chapter, “Unmasking Evil that Parades as Good.” Faith and theology must attack political, social and economic structures that oppress not only the people but the living planet. Faith is the source for a deeper reality, a new vocation and a moral framework.


In the tradition of Francis of Assisi, Paintner offers resources to reflect prayerfully on Brother Wind and Brother Fire, Sister Earth and Sister Water. Short prayers, scripture verses and traditional writings develop each theme in devotional ways.


Pope Francis’ encyclical. Check the commentary above as well as in the on-line resources section. The encyclical is available free for downloading. See special section in the other resources below.


Another Lutheran scholar featured in the *Grounded* video series. Begins with an extensive exploration of a new Christian ethic. Contrasts Ascetism and Consumerism, what we deem holy and what we commodify; our mysticism and alienation; and other perspectives.

This is an early classic. The author builds a case in four movements: 1-Creation; 2-Destruction (with religious narratives and a new narrative); 3-Domination and deceit; and 4-Healing (drawing from covenantal, sacramental and spirituality influenced politics)


Sanguin begins with or home in the universe. The scientific story is also divine revelation; evolution, a divine unfolding. Part-2 integrates biblical stories and Jesus’ saying with ecological perspectives. His epilogue is a strong statement of the ecological disaster as Christ crucified and risen.


How does the preacher prepare to preach? More than scolding or offering simplistic instructions for “green” responses. Preaching as proclaiming God’s new reality, a reality of suffering and resurrection. Sample sermons included.


Important collection of chapters responding to the movie from an historical and evolving faith perspective. I recommend the section on ecological jurisprudence. Our constitution is written for the protection of persons, not creatures and creation. These chapters argue we need to recover the court jester (I would add prophet) who challenges the empire with an alternate vision. The argument is that nature has intrinsic rights; we do not “bestow” rights. Nature is not a collection of things we commodify and exploit but a living entity with which we are in relationship. The principle of guardianship requires that we protect what does not otherwise have a voice


Other Related Readings: As the universe expands, so do related topics...
How do we address social sin and systemic evil without addressing the threat of western capitalism and the imperialistic claims and actions of the American Empire?

The Market has become the omniscient, omnipresent and omnipotent source of life and security. Big churches have bought into a similar spirit with big banks. Politicians and economists exhibit the same spirits as the Trickster, the Fox and the Coyote archetypes of folklore. Protestant virtues of thrift, delayed gratification and support for the common good have become hindrances to consumer-driven (market-driven) economy. A sometimes amusing, often shocking read.

A prophetic judgement of American imperialism since Reagan. But like any faithful prophetic vision, there is also a promise of a hopeful alternative.

A research scientist exploring the evolutionary origins of spirituality and religion. Are we hard-wired for God? Or is the spiritual experience based on tricks of the mind and early developmental relationships. Dow our understandings evolve? Does God?

• Video Resources

Earthbound: Created+ Called to Care for Creation, (Seraphim Communications, St. Pail, Minnesota) 2009
Six sessions with Facilitator Guide in PDF format on disc. Excellent resource! View trailer at this website – http://www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org/Home/highlights/videos/earthbound-dvd-educational-series

1- Created/Called – created life is not to be placed on the earth but with the earth- care of creation is our vocation;
2 – Here/There – Christianity is misunderstood as preparation for another life in another world – we are placed here, in this place at this time;
3-Domination/ Dominion – Everything is interconnected and is our responsibility to care for, not use and abuse;
4- Me/We – Our culture prioritizes individuality, but the Biblical story is always about community;
5-Now/Forever – We think short-term, perhaps six months – but life is lived to the third and fourth generation and beyond – The decisions we make affect the future – Loving our neighbor includes the generations to come;
6- Enough/Too Much – We have a God of abundance, not scarcity – God promises to provide all we need- Life changes when we stop competing for what we don’t have and live gratefully with what we do – and share out of our abundance
**Journey of the Universe: An Epic Story of Cosmic, Earth and Human Transformation**, (Shelter Island) 2013
A thought provoking and stunningly photographed film about creation and evolution and the role of humanity in it. Told from a scientific point of view, there are many talking points for faith and science conversations. View trailer here... [http://www.journeyoftheuniverse.org/film-trailer/](http://www.journeyoftheuniverse.org/film-trailer/)


**You Tube videos** with a punch. Check out **Nature Is Speaking** at this link: [https://www.conservation.org/nature-is-speaking/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.conservation.org/nature-is-speaking/Pages/default.aspx).
Sponsored by Conservation International, celebrities take on speaking roles. Liam Neeson is ICE. Harrison Ford is OCDEAN. Julia Roberts is MOTHER NATURE. Penelope Cruz is WATER. Many more. Stunning photography. Each video is 90 seconds. The theme is consistent: Nature doesn’t need people; people need nature.” A bit of a challenge to these. What if they were shown overhead as an introduction to worship/confession of sins/intro to prayers of the people?

Check out this YouTube video calling for more voices having more conversation on the care of creation and the preservation of the soil.
“**Our Lands**”
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjcRDiO5yOo&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjcRDiO5yOo&feature=youtu.be)
There is a lot of discussion about oil and gas resources. But let’s not neglect agricultural resources, especially in the protection of sustainable food, and the recapturing of carbon from the atmosphere naturally. This film offers a beautiful brief introduction to soil regeneration as a response to the climate crisis.

**Is God Green?**
It’s a bit dated, but Bill Moyers produced a video about Evangelical Christians and their rise in the era of President Bush from skeptics to environmental activists. The story begins with people in Boise Idaho experiencing the hostility against environmental activists. Environmentalists are demonized for taking away jobs. The story then goes to southern West Virginia, where coal companies are literally taking the tops off of the Appalachian mountains to access the coal. Three million pounds of explosives are used every day! 400,000 acres of forests are removed every year. The excavations create great pools of sludge or slurry that leak into creeks, rivers and wells. Not only does the video follow congregations’ efforts at advocacy, change and restoration, but there is a significant clash among evangelicals, both in interpreting the science and interpreting the scriptures. The film is just short of an hour but well worth a viewing and a discussion
[http://www.pbs.org/moyers/moyersonamerica/green/watch.html#faith](http://www.pbs.org/moyers/moyersonamerica/green/watch.html#faith)
a catalogue of videos with Bill Moyers

Looking for a short video you might use at the beginning of worship – or in some other context – to introduce reflection on eco-stewardship? Check out this video, *For the Love of All Creation*, developed by Kairos, Canadian Council of Churches, Citizens for Public Justice

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dtf4767j-8w

**Resources – General Background**

What Is Global Warming?
_National Geographic_ article. Climate change 101

Six Graphics That Explain Climate Change (BBC)
https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/resources/idt-5aceb360-8bc3-4741-99f0-2e4f76ca02bb

Visualizing a Warmer World: Ten Maps of Climate Vulnerability
See the effects of changing precipitation and storm surge, ground water, land slides, etc.

Coal is on the way out’: study finds fossil fuel now pricier than solar or wind

Here's a running list of all the ways climate change has altered Earth in 2019
https://mashable.com/article/climate-change-2019-list/#C3SDy0VWvZqU

**IPPC Special report on Oceans and Cryosphere**

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released the _Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate_. Reporting on the state of the world’s oceans, together with high mountain snowy regions and polar regions (known as the cryosphere). Unless humanity responds quickly and deeply there will be unprecedented impacts including sea level rise, changing behavior and migration patterns for marine life, stronger and more frequent tropical storms, flooding, food insecurity, and impaired water quality. “Simply put, the global ocean is responsible for 97% of all water on planet Earth. We have a moral responsibility to do everything in our power to safeguard this vast and magnificent, yet limited, gift of God's creation.” (Creation Justice Ministries, 2019-09-25) The entire document (1,170 pages) is available here.
https://www.ipcc.ch/srocc/

Summary for Policymakers  https://www.ipcc.ch/srocc/chapter/summary-for-policymakers/
Selective partial downloads may be found here. https://www.ipcc.ch/srocc/download-report/
**Featured Education Resources:** [S.acred O.ceas](#) is a former Earth Day resource with great content to consider as you talk with your communities on the importance of protecting our ocean and all of the marine life within it.

**IPCC 1.5°C Report:** On Monday October 8, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released a report on how quickly we need to take carbon out of the atmosphere to limit global warming to 1.5°C and avoid its most destructive consequences. The report itself has a lot of complex scientific information and hundreds of pages in five deeply considered and well-researched chapters. However, there is also a 34-page Summary for Policymakers (SPM). This is a “summary of the summary...”


**How to Talk about Climate Change**

1. **From Yale University....**

**The Six Americas**  **The Nation Is Not of One Mind!**

Video by Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies

[https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/news-events/global-warmings-six-americas/](https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/news-events/global-warmings-six-americas/)

Recent research is showing that people are more interested in climate change than one imagines! But our communities are not of one mind. And the approach one takes in discussing climate change needs to change because of the make-up of the audience. Check out the above website for an interesting cartoon and statistics.

**SASSY Survey Six Americas Short Survey Yay!**  **(Based on the Six Americas research)**

*Holding an event and you want to get a quick feel for the audience present? Use this quick “use of open space technology” to ask people to move to different spaces in the room according to their personal perceptions. You see who thinks what- what are the most common perceptions – and after asking four questions the facilitation ran introduce the concept of “Six Americas” and national – American – percentages.*

1. How important is the issue of global warming to you personally?
   - Extremely important
   - Very important
   - Somewhat important
   - Not too important
   - Not at all important

2. How worried are you about global warming?
   - Very worried
   - Somewhat worried
   - Not very worried
   - Not at all worried

3. How much do you think global warming will harm you personally?
   - A great deal
4. How much do you think global warming will harm future generations of people?
A great deal
A moderate amount
Only a little
Not at all
Don’t know

**Faith Morality and the Environment**    January 19, 2016
[https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/publications/faith-morality-environment/](https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/publications/faith-morality-environment/)
Find button to download 42-page document as PDF.

2. **From The Alberta Narratives Project**

**Alberta Narratives Project**

Interestingly, an organization from the UK, Climate Outreach, has conducted sociological studies in India, Lebanon and Alberta, exploring procedures, language and narratives that are most effective and least effective with particular groups, such as energy professionals; environmentalists; new Canadians; rural residents; youth; and faith groups. Curious? These reports are available in PDF on line....

Communicating Climate Change and Energy in Alberta- the Alberta Narratives Project

3. **From ELCA**

Let’s Talk Faith and Climate

Fifteen Steps To Create Effective Climate Conversations

4. **From Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARCC)**

[https://www.arrcc.org.au/talking_about_climate_change](https://www.arrcc.org.au/talking_about_climate_change)

**Annual Creation Observances**

February 2 World Wetlands Day
March 3  World Wildlife Day
March 20  First Day of Spring
March 21  International Day of Forests
March 28  Earth Hour
April 5-11  National Wildlife Week
April 22  Earth Day
May 22  International Day of Biological Diversity
May 31-June 6  Canadian Environment Week (May 31-June 6)
June 3  Clean Air Day
June 5  World Environment Day
June 20  First Day of Summer
September 22  World Car Free Day
October 4  World Animal Day
October 5  World Habitat Day
December 21  First Day of Winter

**Earth Day**

**Plan now for Earth Day 2020**

**Creation Justice Ministries Earth Day Resources.** Any Sunday may be observed as Earth Day Sunday, not just April 21! See [http://www.creationjustice.org/earth-day-sunday.html](http://www.creationjustice.org/earth-day-sunday.html)

Earth Day is April 21. Perhaps choose a Sunday of your preference. Check this website for planning resources from Creation Justice Ministries. [http://www.creationjustice.org/earth-day-sunday.html](http://www.creationjustice.org/earth-day-sunday.html)

**Featured Education Resources:** [S.acred O.ceas](http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50750/images/Final%20Earth%20Day%202014%20CJM.pdf?key=96960437) is a former Earth Day resource with great content to consider as you talk with your communities on the importance of protecting our ocean and all of the marine life within it.

Looking for a resource for an emphasis on water during the Season of Creation? Check out “Water, Holy Water.” Originally published in 2014, some facts may be dated, but the direction is sound. See this resource, available online from Creation Justice Ministries, [www.creationjusticeministries.org](http://www.creationjusticeministries.org).

“Water, Holy Water”
UN International Day of Peace September 21
Theme this year: Climate Action for Peace https://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/

World Cleanup Day September 21 – 150 Countries active to clean up their environment
https://www.worldcleanupday.us/

Food Waste Weekend September 6-8 (Or a weekend of your choosing) Learn and speak about the staggering amount of food wasted.
http://foodwasteweekend.org/christian/

2020 Season of Creation – Begin Planning Now!

Are you wondering how you might introduce climate change and stewardship and faith and hope to your congregation in this context of what is now being called an “environmental emergency”? There are many resources available to you right now so you can plan for prayer, reflection, conversation, study, and action in the fall!

September 1-October 4 has been claimed as the “season of creation.” Your members have undoubtedly traveled all summer, enjoying the grandeur our country, benefitting for the advantage of fossil fuels, relying on clean air and clear water …. Maybe even complaining about smoky skies – we shall see. Let the fall and the return to the faithful community be a time of reflecting on what they have already most appreciated… and pledging to protect what they have most desired!

The Season of Creation is a time of commitment to worship, study and action, made by the Christian Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Anglican churches. It is endorsed by the Lutheran World Federation. Christians across six continents will experience a month-long “season of creation”. Additionally, there will be a commitment to put the values and perspective of Laudato Si’ into practice. This is a time to deepen the love for our creator – and Creation – and each other!

This will only work when local initiatives take seriously local necessities, opportunities and resources. This is a time to advocate to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius and to work toward the healing of creation as it is wounded in your local context.

The Season of Creation was begun in 1989 under the initiative of the Orthodox church, marking September 1 as a Day of Prayer for Creation. This practice was adopted by Francis, including the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4.

The theme for this year’s Season is “The Web of life”, focusing on the necessity to be stewards of creation and the urgency to protect biodiversity.

The official website- www.seasonofcreation.org

From the official website you’ll find
Tips to celebrate the Season of Creation;
Tips for Prayer and Worship;
Tips for Holding a Sustainability Event;
Tips for Encouraging Sustainable Living; 
Tips for Participating in a Campaign.

The 2020 Season of Creation shared by Lutherans and Catholics and others around the world is Sept. 6-Octobver 4. New resources are available now for planning in those Sundays. 
http://www.letallcreationpraise.org/united-states-ecumenical/spirit-series-a

Here are liturgies for Forest Sunday – September 6
Land Sunday - September 13
Wilderness Sunday – September 20
River Sunday – September 27
And a Blessing of the Animals – (Feast of St. Francis) October 4
Two versions for each observance are available. Also check the side bar of the site for archived suggestions for 2018 and 2019. Of course, you may schedule your own observances and shuffle your own themes to fit your context.

There is a 2019 Leaders’ Guide available at
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YgVEfLOmzWM3nwZP6QanznXI9yZ8Ktw/view.

While somewhat dated perhaps, this material will help your worship, education and social action ministry leaders begin to stimulating thinking and conversation.

Distinctively Lutheran resources may be found at
http://seasonofcreation.org/resources/denominational-resources/

Additional LWF resources may be found at:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5ALII8RwGgqd1BoR3FpV1VtNGIpNXdEOFlvc0J0a2xTUjZv/view

Watch this website for additional information regarding worship – education – and action oriented resources.

Please remember that the Lutheran World Federation shares in the planning and promotion of this special time for study, worship and action.

**Season of Creation September 1-October 4**

Still looking for resources to celebration the Season of Creation? Check these out!
https://seasonofcreation.com/worship-resources/liturgies/series-c-the-wisdom-series/liturgies-ocean%C2%A0sunday/

Also liturgies for celebrations of Fauna and Flora, Storm, Cosmos Sundays
2018 liturgies for Planet Earth, Humanity, Sky, Mountain, and Blessing of the Animals

Watch for 2020 series: Forest, Land, Wilderness/Outback, River, and Blessing of the Animals

A special natural disaster series:
Volcano, Earthquake/Tsunami, Flood (forthcoming), Bushfire
And a climate change series: Climate, Solar, Atmosphere, and Rainbow

**** I particularly recommend “Let All Creation Praise” ****
http://www.letallcreationpraise.org/united-states-ecumenical/wisdom-series-c
This has expanded the Australian resources above with American versions. Be sure to check the side
panel for archives for series ‘a’ and ‘b’ in the lectionary.

See also Lutheran Restoring Creation - https://lutheransrestoringcreation.org/

For suggestions for worship, advocacy, personal discipleship
Promoting care for creation in the ELCA

Web of Creation - http://www.webofcreation.org/
Resources from the Lutheran School of Theology Chicago
Suggestions for liturgy, preaching, special services and rituals, devotions, and decorating space

LWF resources
https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5ALII8RwGgd1BoR3FpV1VtNGlpNXdEOFlvc0J0a2xTU1Zv/view

Other Lutheran resources – This is a denominational page – scroll down for Lutheran suggestions
https://seasonofcreation.org/resources/denominational-resources/

Resources from the World Council of Churches
https://www.oikoumene.org/en/what-we-do/climate-change/time-for-creation

Looking for a short video you might use at the beginning of worship – or in some other context – to
introduce reflection on eco-stewardship? Check out this video, For the Love of All Creation, developed
by Kairos, Canadian Council of Churches, Citizens for Public Justice
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dtf4767j-8w

**Denominational Resources**

**ELCIC**

“ELCIC Resolution on Climate Justice” 2015
http://www.elcic.ca/Documents/documents/ClimateJusticeMotionFINAL.pdf

Lutheran Study Guide on *Laudato Si* 4 weeks
http://fore.yale.edu/files/Lutheran_climate_change_study.pdf

Three Motions on Environmental Action... from the Report of the National Church Council
As reported to the Winnipeg Convention, 2019, Section F, pages 21 and 22 and pages 34 and 35.

Motion 5: Resolution on Single-Use Plastic
That the ELCIC National Convention:

- recognizes that there is growing concern about the ecological impact of the production, consumption and disposal of many plastic products, particularly single-use plastics.
- acknowledges there are members of our communities who may require access to single-use plastic items in order to insure their full inclusion in community.
- encourages congregations, faith communities, ministry organizations, areas, and synods to reduce the use of simple-use plastic products.
- encourages individual members to reduce their reliance on single-use plastic products.
- encourages the National church to identify and promote resources aimed at supporting local efforts toward plastic reduction.
- embraces an ongoing call to be mindful Stewards of Creation and to seek a healthy relationship with the earth.

Rationale: Plastic products are produced from oil, a non-renewable resource. Single-use plastics are those items that are used only once before being thrown away. This includes products such as plastic bags, straws, coffee stirrers, soda and water bottles and food packaging.

While some plastic products are recycled, most end up in landfills or in the ocean. Plastic is not biodegradable. It breaks down over a long period of time into smaller pieces; these pieces have been known to make their way into food chains and water supplies. Dramatically, in the ocean, some plastics have clumped together into large floating islands of garbage. Moreover, plastic is not easily recycled into new products.

We are a long way from eliminating the use of all plastics. Choosing to reduce the consumption of single-use plastic is a step toward sustainability. The resolution seeks to respect the need for products that promote health and inclusion, while challenging us to reflect on how changes in personal habits may contribute to a reconciled relationship with the earth.

Our Full Communion Partner, the Anglican Church of Canada, will likely be considering a similar resolution during the 2019 General Synod.

**Motion 6: Resolution on Investigating becoming Carbon Neutral**

That the ELCIC acknowledges the call by the 2017 Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Assembly for “the global communion to strengthen its efforts even more for climate justice;” and the call “for the LWF to be carbon neutral by 2050.” The National Convention directs the National Church Council to investigate what would be required for the ELCIC to be carbon neutral by 2050, and to report to the 2022 National Convention.

**Motion 7: Resolution on becoming Greening Faith Communities**

That the ELCIC joins the 2017 Lutheran World Federation Assembly in “affirming the fact that the global ecological crisis, including climate change, is human-induced. It is a spiritual matter. As people of faith, we are called to journey together toward a healthy relationship with the earth.” and in “affirming its commitment to implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). “Creation Not for Sale” points out our responsibility to care and to maintain God’s creation, and our needed efforts to advocate for climate justice.”

That the National Convention:
• encourages congregations, faith communities, ministry organizations, areas, and synods to participate in the ELCIC Stewardship of Creation: Greening Faith Communities program as an expression of commitment to stewardship of creation.
• encourages individual members to reduce their personal carbon footprint.
• expresses its appreciation to the congregations who are currently accredited as greening congregations.
• encourages the National Church to identify and promote resources aimed at supporting local efforts toward reducing carbon footprints.
• directs the National Bishop to write to the Prime Minister of Canada to communicate the urgent need for climate justice, the importance of low carbon development, the critical need to limit global temperature increases to below 1.5° C above preindustrial levels, as outlined in the Paris Agreement (COP 21), and the value of funding climate resiliency initiatives for farmers in Canada and around the world.

Rationale: The LWF Assembly, referring to the COP21 resolution—the Paris Agreement—the Assembly reminds the member churches about their responsibility and needed efforts to advocate for climate justice, especially in terms of engaging governments for low carbon development and urging them to keep global warming below 1.5°C. https://www.lwfassembly.org/en/resolution-climate-change

The Paris Agreement central aim is to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change by keeping a global temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Additionally, the agreement aims to strengthen the ability of countries to deal with the impacts of climate change. To reach these ambitious goals, appropriate financial flows, a new technology framework and an enhanced capacity building framework will be put in place, thus supporting action by developing countries and the most vulnerable countries, in line with their own national objectives. The agreement also provides for enhanced transparency of action and support through a more robust transparency framework. https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/the-paris-agreement

Greening Faith Communities  http://elcic.ca/greeningfaithcommunities

ELCA
Faith and the Environment ELCA Documents  http://www.elca.org/Resources/Caring-for-Creation

Awakening to God’s Call to Earth-Keeping
http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Awakening_To_Gods_Call_To_Earthkeeping.pdf?_ga=2.56152238.40580894.1523907026-672282431.1518714960
Hunger and Climate Change
http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Agriculture_And_Food_Security_In_A_Changing_Climate.pdf?_ga=2.131546634.40580894.1523907026-672282431.1518714960

Poverty and Hunger in a Changing Climate
http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Poverty_And_Hunger_In_A_Changing_Climate.pdf?_ga=2.52821165.40580894.1523907026-672282431.1518714960

Climate change 101
https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Climate_CHANGE_101.pdf?_ga=2.255105736.1572903675.1582762344-1716964922.1577377836

Agriculture and Food Security in a Changing Climate
https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Agriculture_And_Food_Security_In_A_Changing_Climate.pdf?_ga=2.185432809.1572903675.1582762344-1716964922.1577377836

Link to statements and study guide

Social statement PDF, 1993
http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/EnvironmentSS.pdf?_ga=2.28114367.223687513.1518714960-672282431.1518714960

Link to Hunger resources: Valentines; Advent; Lent, meal events, devotionals, bulletin inserts
http://www.elca.org/Resources/Caring-for-Creation

List of Creation Care Organizations
http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Lutheran_Creation_Care_Organizations_And_Resources.pdf?_ga=2.88828571.1441342214.1583101434-1716964922.1577377836

Caring for Creation Social Statement

Health and Climate Change
https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/PreparedToCare_Health_and_Climate_Change.pdf?_ga=2.188492328.1441342214.1583101434-1716964922.1577377836

Website for a synodically authorized ministry – on-line study courses; amazing store for DVD’s. Earthbound comes from the “store – church and the wold” Material includes Luther pastors, theologians and seminary faculty from across the ELCA.
https://www.selectlearning.org/

Migration and Climate Change
https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/PreparedToCare_Health_and_Climate_Change.pdf?_ga=2.188492328.1441342214.1583101434-1716964922.1577377836
Global Food Security and Climate Change
https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/PreparedToCare_Global_Food_Security_and_Climate_Change.pdf?_ga=2.151634489.1441342214.1583101434-1716964922.1577377836

Weather Patterns and Climate Change
https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/PreparedToCare_Weather_and_Climate_Change.pdf?_ga=2.256107147.1441342214.1583101434-1716964922.1577377836

Stewarding the Gift of Water

Carbon Pricing Basics

Mountain Removal Coal Mining
http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Mountaintop_Removal_Coal_Mining.pdf?_ga=2.188967595.1441342214.1583101434-1716964922.1577377836

2018 IPCC Report and Care of Creation

Let’s Talk Faith and Climate

Fifteen Steps To Create Effective Climate Conversations

Lutheran World Federation

LWF Season of Creation https://www.lutheranworld.org/content/season-of-creation

Six-week Study 1- Time for Everything; 2- Contemplating Creation; 3- Stewardship of Creation; 4- Christ and Creation; 5- Revealing the Children of God; 6- Joy of Creation

ELCIC Praise Appeal Creation Not for Sale – worship service – service of the word

Creation Not for Sale booklet

LWF has created a display of scripture readings with photos of creation under the theme “And It Was Good.” Here is a link to the work....
LWF resources -
https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5ALII8RwGgqd1BoR3FpV1VtNGIpNXdEOFlvc0J0a2xTUlZv/view

LWF Resolutions on Climate Change

**Roman Catholic**

Check out this newsletter from National Catholic Reporter
EarthBeat: Stories of Climate Crisis, Faith and Action
https://www.ncronline.org/earthbeat

**The Roman Catholic Church Opens a Synod on the Mission in Brazil**

*Here is a preparatory document

*And a Study Guide for the Synod on the Amazon Preparatory Document
https://drive.google.com/file/d/19hdGctNPJ7l_H0UQfetePSgjG2s5Jxlm/view

*The Synod opened October 6 and concludes October 27. Here are some interesting Headlines and articles. There is much to learn from this process…. It is not only our own indigenous people who seek the ears and hearts of the church… It is not only our own church that experiences divisions over the climate crisis – much of it fueled by economics as theology… It is not only our own church that seeks to bring healing and restoration to lands devastated by fires. What else do you see that is similar? What more should we be doing ecumenically?

**Amazonian bishops condemn attacks on rainforest and indigenous peoples**

**Brazilian cardinal urges synod to open doors, knock down walls and build bridges**

**Bishop highlights need for lay ministries in Amazon**
God in all things: Synod looks at indigenous 'theology of creation'

Catholics need to recognize 'ecological sins,' synod members say

Amazon synod has set Pope Francis' professional haters on edge

The Final Report of the Amazon Synod and the “conversion of the Church

This Land Is Home: A Letter from Catholic Bishops of Appalachia, captures the developing poverty, reliance on coal, dependence upon industry, divisiveness and self-defence of a region, corporate injustice and voicelessness of the poor, technological rationalization and maximization of profit, conspicuous consumption and planned obsolescence – Appalachia as a symbol of a larger pattern?
http://www.catholicconferencewv.org/docs/ThisLandIsHome.pdf

From the Conclusion:

In taking them up, hopefully the Church might once again be known as - a center of the Spirit, - a place where poetry dares to speak, - where the song reigns unchallenged, - where art flourishes, - where nature is welcome, - where little people and little needs come first, - where justice speaks loudly, - where in a wilderness of idolatrous destruction the great voice of God still cries out for Life

Faith and the Environment – Laudato Si

Ever wondered how you might introduce Pope Francis’s encyclical Laudato Si and promote living out its principles as individuals, families or a congregation? Check out the following resources
Live Laudato Si – Pledge to pray for creation, live more simply, and advocate to protect our common home....

You or your people do not have to purchase a copy of the encyclical. Here’s a free text on line...
And if you seek resources to study the document but you have limited time. Here are a variety of resources...On-line study guides for Laudato Si... 5 minutes, 10 minutes, 20 minutes or an hour! http://livelaudatosi.org/learn/

The Global Catholic Climate Movement has been endorsed by pope Francis and many other Catholic leaders as a means to encourage prayer and commitment to advocacy and change. Here is the brochure...
Global Catholic Climate Movement Brochure
https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3Iyi9THwePEbWEbWUwSmNyY0NzUIU/view

Looking for an on-line copy of Laudato Si’?
https://laudatosi.com/watch

*Laudato Si* – the text of Pope Francis’ encyclical - Download PDF or read on-line or order a print copy.
https://laudatosi.com/watch

Lutheran Study Guide for *Laudato Si* – four-week sessions
http://www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org/Home/highlights/laudato-si---lutheran-study-guide


https://www.ncronline.org/news/environment/pope-francis-encyclical-inspires-laudato-si-project-wisconsin. Published by National Catholic Reporter. The Laudate Si Project in Wisconsin has sponsored sustainability fairs and other events to get people into nature and to think theologically.

https://www.ncronline.org/news/environment/divestment-fossil-fuels-witness-our-faith. Canadian coalition of institutions seeks divestment from fossil fuels as an expression of faith and justice. Response is to do “both and” – keep enough shares so as to have a voice but encourage investment in sustainable resources.


http://www.laudatosiproject.com/home.html. Resources for education, stewardship, and recreation. Naturally the list of networks is the most interesting. Look under partners on the home page for ideas for schools, camps, businesses, public media, etc.

*Laudato Si* Season of Creation Guide 2019

*Laudato Si* Global Catholic Climate Movement
https://catholicclimatemovement.global/laudato-si-resources/

Global Catholic Climate Movement
https://catholicclimatemovement.global/
**Laudato Si Circles**
https://catholicclimatemovement.global/circles/

Circles are gatherings in small groups for reflection, prayer and action. There are resources for regular gatherings that guide through readings of scripture and the encyclical. Circles are led by Animators. Information on training may be found here.

https://catholicclimatemovement.global/liturgical-prayer-and-spiritual-resources/
https://catholicclimatemovement.global/about-the-animator-program/
https://catholicclimatemovement.global/animators/

**Advocacy resources** https://catholicclimatemovement.global/advocacy-resources/

Resources for prayer and seasons, like Lent and Christmas
https://catholicclimatemovement.global/eco-spirituality/

**Facts and Videos on Climate Change** https://catholicclimatemovement.global/climate-change-facts/

**Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation of the Holy Father Francis, “Querida Amazonia”**

**Lutheran Study Guide to Pope Francis’ Letter week 1**
https://www.google.ca/search?q=lutheran+study+guide+to+pope+francis'+letter&ie=&oe=

**Lutheran Study Guide to Pope Francis’ Letter week 2**
https://www.mnys.org/assets/1/6/week_2_climate_change_study_final.pdf

**Lutheran Study Guide to Pope Francis’ letter week 3**
https://www.mnys.org/assets/1/6/week_3_climate_change_study_final.pdf

**Lutheran Study Guide to Pope Francis’ letter week 4**
https://www.mnys.org/assets/1/6/lutheran_week_4_climate_change_study_final.pdf

**First Nations**
Is your church interested in exploring environmental issues from an indigenous perspective? Check this out - http://www.yourcier.org/ - The Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources seeks to preserve and share indigenous knowledge. See http://www.yourcier.org/indigenous-knowledge.html. Perhaps your church could invite a speaker... or host a community event... or invite local congregations and synod partners!

Environmental Justice with Indigenous Peoples
http://www.creationjustice.org/indigenous.html
**Presbyterian**

Lenten study  

**Uniting Church of Australia**


**Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC)**

https://www.arrcc.org.au/

Read about this interfaith alliance and its work to challenge the government on its subsidies for fossil fuels. Interesting quotes from various traditions, such as Indigenous, Hindu, Muslim, Jewish, as well as Christian. ARRCC is sponsoring interfaith dialogues that could be reproduced here, perhaps.

“**Protecting the Sacred**: Indigenous perspectives on social, cultural and environmental justice”  
**Inaugural Islamic and Abrahamic faith traditions**

National Conference  
“Environmental Crisis and Our Obligations to Act: teachings from Islam and Abrahamic Faith Traditions"  

Resources for Individual Lifestyle Choices  
https://www.arrcc.org.au/resources_for_individual_lifestyle_choices

Morality of Climate Change  

Reflections and Prayers After the Bushfire Crisis  
https://www.arrcc.org.au/reflections_prayers_after_the_bushfire_crisis

Statements by Faith Leaders  

Other Faith Resources  
https://www.arrcc.org.au/reflect-other_faith_resources

**United Church of Canada**

Faithful Footprints - Grants and tools for churches to upgrade buildings, lower energy costs, and renew their mission  
https://www.united-church.ca/leadership/church-administration/faithful-footprints
Climate Change - Caring for God’s gift of Creation is a spiritual commitment. [https://www.united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/climate-change](https://www.united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/climate-change)

Faithful Footprints launches in partnership with the United Church of Canada [https://www.faithcommongoood.org/faithful_footprints_launch](https://www.faithcommongoood.org/faithful_footprints_launch)

*See Also Churches Becoming Carbon Neutral*

**Schools and Seminaries**

**Stewardship Articles from Luther Seminary, St. Paul**


*NIV Stewardship Bible Study: Discover God’s Design for Life, the Environment, Finances, Generosity and Eternity* a review [http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4159](http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4159)


*Transforming Stewardship for Climate Action* [https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4781](https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4781)


**Lutheran School of Theology Chicago – LSTC**

Lutheran School of Theology Chicago- Web of Creation [http://www.webofcreation.org/](http://www.webofcreation.org/)

Here are complete manuals for the following:

  * Training for the Green Congregation program
Environmental Guide for the Congregation: Their Building and Grounds
Building a Firm Foundation: “Green” Building Tool Kit
Stewardship of Creation: A Thirty Day Discipline

Having trouble getting started?
Here is an over-all plan http://www.webofcreation.org/overall-plan
  With worship resources http://www.webofcreation.org/worship
  Plans for education http://www.webofcreation.org/religious-education
  Stewardship of your property http://www.webofcreation.org/building-and-grounds
  Monitoring your lifestyle http://www.webofcreation.org/home-and-work
  Developing a Public Witness http://www.webofcreation.org/public-witness

And then taking it to the next level - tools for re-evaluating, re-forming and re-starting
http://www.webofcreation.org/next-level

Here are also links to other Eco-Faith Groups http://www.webofcreation.org/links-to-eco-faith-groups
  Denominational Resources - Inter-Faith Groups and Secular Agencies

Consider having environmental theme months – a month for transportation
  http://www.webofcreation.org/congregational-theme-months/529-transportation-month
or a month for water
  http://www.webofcreation.org/congregational-theme-months/527-water-month

Resources include material for Bible study, bulletin and newsletter suggestions and congregational activities

Yale

Faith Morality and the Environment  January 19, 2016
https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/publications/faith-morality-environment/
Find button to download 42-page document as PDF.

See also How to Talk About Climate Change above

Churches Becoming Carbon Neutral

ELCIC


ELCIC Resolution on Climate Justice
http://elcic.ca/Public-Policy/documents/ClimateJusticeMotionFINAL.pdf
Roman Catholic

Catholic groups boycott fossil fuels in push for action on climate change

Vatican Was Going Green Long Before Pope's Climate Decree

Church of England

CofE to be carbon-neutral by 2030— but at what cost?

Church of England seeks to go carbon-neutral in a decade

Church of England to go carbon neutral by 2045
https://www.churchnewspaper.com/79684/archives

Anglican Church of Canada

Green Team reduces church’s carbon footprint

Anglican Church of Canada Climate Action
https://cpj.ca/anglican-church-canada-climate-action

Before the clock runs out of time

United Church of Canada

Faithful Footprints - Grants and tools for churches to upgrade buildings, lower energy costs, and renew their mission
https://www.united-church.ca/leadership/church-administration/faithful-footprints

Climate Change - Caring for God’s gift of Creation is a spiritual commitment. https://www.united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/climate-change
Faithful Footprints launches in partnership with the United Church of Canada
https://www.faithcommongood.org/faithful_footprints_launch

Mennonite Church of Canada

Climate Change Working Group for Mennonite Church Canada June 2016

Mennonite Church of Canada Climate Action
https://cpj.ca/mennonite-church-canada-climate-action

How green is my MCC? A new environmental paradigm or just belt-tightening?
https://canadianmennonite.org/articles/how-green-my-mcc

A Canadian Community Initiative

This Ontario town is trying to be Canada’s first carbon-neutral community
The tiny village of Eden Mills is closing in on its goal, proving what collective action can achieve

Applications to Specific Times and Issues

Lenten Resources

Lenten Guide from Global Catholic Climate Movement Based on Laudato Si
See link
https://drive.google.com/file/d/15YBNBoguXqRJEkdCmT0pYPGjtY09OVER/view?link_id=0&can_id=5fbd4d2ab12a30c492161e8bb5557ea3&source=email-new-lent-resource4&email_referrer=email_718403___subject_959093&email_subject=free-lent-resource

This resource is a two-page with an ecological sin – and ecological virtue and an action suggestion for each of the weeks in Lent.

Thinking about Lent already? The World Council of Churches has resources for “Seven Weeks of Water,”
https://www.oikoumene.org/en/@@search?SearchableText=Seven+Weeks+of+Water


And an archive of past resources may be found at https://water.oikoumene.org/en/whatwedo/seven-weeks-for-water/past/past. World Water Day is March 22!
Climate change and mental health

As climate change worsens, so does our grief and stress – from the National Catholic Reporter


Climate Strike

1. How are you observing the global climate strike September 20? This doesn’t just mean walking out of classes; observances can take many forms. See https://globalclimatestrike.net/

Want to support youth? Check out https://350.org/support-climate-strikes/

Also, Earth Strike at https://www.earth-strike.com/

And the Global Catholic climate Movement at https://www.earth-strike.com/

Climate Strikes are not just for young people!

Intergenerational solidarity: Elders join youth in climate strikes! See...

Did you join a Climate Strike during the Week for Climate Change, September 20-27? Need some reasons to be involved further? See ... 23 reasons to join Friday's Climate Strike at https://www.ncronline.org/news/environment/23-reasons-join-fridays-climate-strike?clickSource=email

Climate Change and Air Travel

Concerned about Air Travel and Climate Change?

Here is an organization of climate justice activist groups who are rallying to limit air travel world-wide. Under information, see article on impacts of air travel. 206 organizations have signed in support of a document called “Thirteen Steps for a Just Transport System.” https://stay-grounded.org/

Looking for something less confrontational?

Living the Change has a program called Grounding in Faith. https://livingthechange.net/grounding-in-faith. I personally have participated in a pilot project. These conversations do not judge, criticize or tell you how to limit your flying patterns. Instead they use personal reflection exercises, stories and small
group discussions to raise your personal awareness so you can think about what you do, why and what you might intend to do. No one solution fits all. I hope this project expands widely. I especially recommend exploring this as we plan to be a carbon neutral church – which will affect flaying for meetings, conferences and international partnerships. [https://livingthechange.net/index.html](https://livingthechange.net/index.html)

Check under the menu icon for suggestions in making personal commitments in terms of diet, energy use, and transportation. Practical and attainable.

**Backyard composting 101 Presentation- MAY 10**


**Earth Day Plastic-Free Checklist –**


**Zero-Waste Buying Guide -**


**Compost Winnipeg**

Is your church planning an event? Here’s an interesting announcement from Compost Winnipeg  
*Green your event by composting! We provide compostable dishes, cups and cutlery, organic waste collection bins. We pick-up your event’s organic waste, compost it and send an organic waste diversion report when it's all said and done.*  
[https://www.compostwinnipeg.ca/events](https://www.compostwinnipeg.ca/events)

**Important Manitoba Resource – Climate Change.Org**

Subscribe for a monthly newsletter addressing Science – Emissions- Impacts- Solutions- Connections and Resources Sign up here….  
[http://climatechangeconnection.org/newsletter/](http://climatechangeconnection.org/newsletter/)

**13 Climate Action – Manitoba Council for International Cooperation**

Food

How’s your morning cup of coffee? Consider this…
As climate effects hit coffee crops, Guatemalan farmers become migrants

Can one meatless day out of the week make a difference? Consider this…

Climate and Capitalism

Interested in some debate on climate crisis and capitalism? See the following and beyond…
https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/mar/18/ending-climate-change-end-capitalism
“Ending Climate Change Requires the End of Capitalism- Have We Got the Stomach for It?” Phil Duff, The Guardian


11,000 Scientists Warn of untold Suffering

https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/nov/05/climate-crisis-11000-scientists-warn-of-untold-suffering?utm_term=RWRpdG9yaWFsX0dyZWV0TGlnaHQtMTkxMTEx&utm_source=esp&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=GreenLight&CMP=greenlight_email

The Guardian reports 11,000 scientists warn of global catastrophe and call for urgent transformation of society. See charts of troubling and discouraging signs... as well as especially disturbing impacts from climate change. Article describes the need for strong carbon tax to reduce fossil fuels – stabilizing population – ending destruction of forests – eating less meat – and changing economic goals away from emphasizing GDP growth.

See also book list – Naomi Kline – This Changes Everything and On Fire

Christmas

Tips for Greener Christmas Giving - A Suggestion for your December Newsletter

Celebrating the season doesn’t have to be all about shopping, shopping and more shopping. Here are some low(er) carbon ways to show your love.

Start close to home. What do you have in your life that brings you joy? Some favourite recipes you could copy out for a friend? A house plant that you could take a cutting from and pot up as a gift? Some family heirlooms you can pass on to the next generation now?

Think outside the box. Introduce someone to a new author by signing a book out of the library for them. (It’s a gift there’s no shame in returning!) Sign someone up for a gift that could last the entire year – or at least a few weeks, like a pottery class or a membership with one of the Manitoba Eco-Network member groups.

Get cookin’. Edible gifts can be a good way to go. How about some homemade frozen dinners for a busy family to heat up when they need a ready made meal? Or a batch of sweets made with local flour and fair trade chocolate chips?

Be generous. According to a poll by CanadaHelps and Ipsos Reid, 59% of Canadians prefer to receive a charitable gift rather than a traditional gift. Plus, there are so many great causes working to reduce carbon emissions and help communities here and abroad adapt to our changing climate. Donate time or money in honour of your loved one.

Spend time together. Go for a walk or a toboggan, a skate or a swim, hold a family talent show or a costume party. Build or cook together. Teach each other about things you’ve learned this year. There are so many creative possibilities for strengthening relationships and giving the gift of acceptance and belonging during these longest nights of the year.

Faith Climate Action Week  April 17-26
https://www.faithclimateactionweek.org/

Climate Change Connection finds funding to continue
https://climatechangeconnection.org/

The Climate Change Connection is an excellent resource for Manitobans to network on climate change facts and solutions. Lots of resources and local/Manitoba events. Check it out. Better yet, subscribe!
**Climate Change and the Consequences for the Military**

How does climate change affect social realities and threaten peace? Hoover Institution and Stanford University hosted a panel discussion on Climate Change and National Security in February, 2017. This is a spin on climate change that our congregations are not discussing. Take a peek at the panel discussion and also view the trailer to the documentary *The Age of Consequences*. See [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NHVGxzEajrg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NHVGxzEajrg) for the panel discussion. The link to renting the film is [this](http://theageofconsequences.com/).

**“How do we pray for the care of creation? The Beatitudes give us guidance”**

Check out this article from Baptist News. It could shape your prayer or be the basis for a sermon/devotion/teachable moment. [https://baptistnews.com/article/how-do-we-pray-for-the-care-of-creation-the-beatitudes-give-us-guidance/#.XcL_3dFzIW](https://baptistnews.com/article/how-do-we-pray-for-the-care-of-creation-the-beatitudes-give-us-guidance/#.XcL_3dFzIW)

**A Matter of Stewardship: Eco-Justice in Biblical Perspective**


**Carbon Majors Database – 100 fossil fuel producers and nearly 1 trillion tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions**


**Creation Worship Resources**

[https://foodgrainsbank.ca/news/earth-day-worship-resources/](https://foodgrainsbank.ca/news/earth-day-worship-resources/)
Food Grains Bank Earth day resource, 2017

[http://www.creationjustice.org/educational-resources.html](http://www.creationjustice.org/educational-resources.html)
List of links for Earth Day Worship, 2004 – 2017
Creation Partnerships/Community Websites

Creation Justice Ministries
http://www.creationjustice.org/members-and-partners.html
– check out list of partners, including ELCA
Follow links to other resources, such as worship, education and advocacy
  Check out campaigns: Protecting Places; Energy; Climate Change; Environmental Health
  Campaigns: Suggestions for Action

Creation Justice Ministries Newsletter
http://www.creationjustice.org/capsules.html

Creation Justice Ministries Monthly Action Newsletter
http://www.creationjustice.org/action.html

Mennonite Central Committee
https://mcccanada.ca/

CLWR
https://www.clwr.org/

A Rocha – Has a Manitoba Chapter;
https://arocha.ca/
A Rocha sponsors lay training events and educational events: conservation, sustainable agriculture, environmental education.

Interested in creating a community garden? Here is a link to a Community Garden Resource,
https://arocha.ca/get-involved/green-living-resources/#gardeningtips. Find here a blog and helps with organizing, planning, and start-up, including release forms (?)

https://arocha.ca/where-we-work/winnipeg-area/ Keep up-to-date with information on activities in the Winnipeg area.

CSA’s Farm Production Subscription Services
http://csamanitoba.org/find/

Overview and listing of area farms
https://www.myfarmersmarket.com/

Subscription or Casual services
http://www.freshoption.ca/

https://www.cramptonsmarket.com/cramptons-food-box/
http://www.wildfirefarms.ca/
Not CSA but grass finished beef, free range chicken and free-range pork
Pick up at St. Norbert Market or home delivery

Climate Change Connection
http://climatechangeconnection.org/
Important local news. Background information on science, emissions, impacts, solutions, connections, and other resources

Brandon Neighborhood Renewal Corporation
http://bnrc.ca/community-development/incredible-edible

Brandon Neighborhood Renewal Corporation has a tab about neighborhood gardens as a means of community building. The project is called Incredible Edibles Brandon. Some gardens are private rentals, like we have in Wpg. Others are meant to be community efforts – like a garden across from a skateboard park – kids pick radishes, cukes and the like while using the park. The idea comes from Britain. Check the related Ted Talk at https://www.ted.com/talks/pam_warhurst_how_we_can_eat_our_landscapes.
If you have comments, recommendations, or suggestions for additional resources, please contact me.

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